



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost | September 15, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Herbst-Kim

*HYMN NO. 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Stanza 1 Only) | *I'M GONNA LIVE*

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

James 3: 1-12 (p. 230)

REFLECTION

"Words Create Worlds of All Kinds" | *by Brian Shivers*

*HYMN NO. 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Stanza 2 & 3 Only) | *I'M GONNA LIVE*

PRAYER

DAY OF CARING INSTRUCTIONS

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*HYMN NO. 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Stanza 4 Only) | *I'M GONNA LIVE*

As we sing "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Stanza 4 Only), we leave the sanctuary to give and to serve.

Offering plates at the sanctuary doors will receive our gifts of treasure. Groups will gather and depart from the Gathering Place to participate in the activities planned for our Day of Caring mission and ministry. As we give, and as we join our hands and hearts in mission, may all we do be a sign of our commitment to neighbors near and far.

**For those who are able, please stand.*



700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)
 (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

Events and Announcements

CIC's Festival of Faiths | Today | 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us at University Park for the Annual Center for Interfaith Cooperation's Festival of Faiths! This year's theme is "Exploring Peace" and is a great way to learn and celebrate Indianapolis' diverse religions!



Collaborative Worship Art Project | Sep. 17th, 18th, and 22nd

We have 63 squares to paint for our World Communion Sunday banner and we need you to come paint! Upcoming dates include Sep. 17th (9:30 - 11:30 am), 18th (6:00 - 7:30 pm), and 22nd (11:15 am - 12:30 pm). To learn more, scan the QR code!



My Country 'Tis of Who? with Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm | Sep. 18th | 6:00 pm

Join us for the second of a 3-week series with the Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm titled "My Country 'Tis of Who?" as part of Northminster's fall speaker series. This Wednesday's discussion is "The Religions of our Founders". Learn more by scanning the QR code!



Franciscan Health Vaccine Clinic | Sep. 22nd | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Northminster is partnering with Franciscan Health to offer a vaccine clinic! The clinic is open to church members and the neighborhood, just bring an insurance card if you have one. Learn more and sign up using the QR code or in The Gathering Place.



2025 Kenya Trip with Umoja | Deposits Due Sep. 29th

A mission trip to Kenya is planned for June 2025! The total cost is \$4000-\$5000 and a \$1,000 deposit to hold your spot is due September 29th. Scholarships are available. Please contact Karen Herbst-Kim for more information.

"Amaizing" Lunch | Sep. 29th | 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Join us on Sunday, September 29th for the "Amazing" Lunch! Enjoy freshly made soup, hear about the Umoja Partnership, and learn how Northminster supports students in Kenya. You might even be inspired to join the 2025 trip! Volunteers are also needed!



Bread for the World "Nourish Our Future" | Oct. 3rd | 6:30 pm

Hosted by Light of the World Christian Church, experts will discuss how the Child Tax Credit (CTC) effectively lifts children out of poverty and give attendees resources to advocate with legislators. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.



Bread Bakers & Chalice Collectors

If you are interested in baking bread or lending chalices of all types for World Communion Sunday on October 6th, please contact Anne Kenley to learn more! Additional details and contact information can be found by scanning the QR code.

Stephen Ministry Training Interest

Northminster has an active Stephen Ministry program and our need for active Stephen Ministers has increased. We will be holding a training class for new Stephen Ministers soon but if you're interested, please fill out the form by scanning the QR code!



Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events